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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.V.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the documents cited in the European Search Report issued for this counterpart Appln. No. EP0 4 722 947 dated February 6, 2007. According to the Annex to the Search Report, U.S. Patent No. 6,544,901 is a family member of EP 1 035 569. U.S. Patent No. 6,544,901 was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed September 23, 2005.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) that all documents submitted herewith were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Therefore, it is respectfully urged that no fees are required for the Examiner's consideration of the locuments listed in this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

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